

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 9th 1999**

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## **IRTS Annual General Meeting**

One of the highlights of the IRTS Annual General Meeting is the presentation of trophies. This years trophies went as follows:

The Arup Cup was presented to Declan EI6FR and Andrew GI0NWG for their participation in the highly successful ZL9CI expedition to Campbell Island last January. Declan and Andrew were responsible for the design and erection of the aerial systems for the station.

The Collins Cup was presented to Leslie Long EI4DU who has set up and maintained the IRTS Web page. Leslie has produced a very professional looking site and all members can be proud of our image on the Web.

The Pat Conway Cup is normally awarded to a club or group and this year it was presented to the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group. This group are active on several fronts and are an example to all for the way they keep contact with one another on their net frequency of 145.450MHz.

There are two trophies for home construction and this year the Folan Shield was presented to Tony Fay EI6EQB for his construction of a 30 element driven array for 2 metres. The Kevin Freeney Trophy was awarded to Tony Breathnach EI6EW who produced several high quality examples of his homebrewing skill.

The Sheila Piper Cup was presented to Ger EI8HT for his entertaining contributions to the Newsletter.

The President's Cup was presented to Phil EI9P for his contribution to amateur radio over the years and for his involvement with co-operation North.

This was a historical year as all Field Day trophies went to stations entered by the East Cork Group. They won both sections of the CW and SSB Field Days as well as the open section of the VHF/UHF event. The East Cork Group have been the dominant club in field days for the past 12 years and we look forward to some new blood coming along and knocking them off their perch. There was no entry in the restricted VHF/UHF field day.

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**Wicklow Wireless Society**

Wicklow Wireless Society will host a talk and slide show by Declan EI6FR on Tuesday next May the 11th. Declan will detail his experiences with the ZL9CI DXpedition to Campbell Island during January this year. The venue is the Ravenswell School in Bray and visitors will be very welcome on the night. Further details from Sean EI4GK on 01-2821420.

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Dundalk Amateur Society will take place on Tuesday June the 15th at 8pm in the Society's premises, Marconi House, 113 Castletown Road in Dundalk. All members are requested to attend this meeting where the main items on the agenda will be the election of officers. Nominations for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, QSL Manager, Events Organiser and premises caretaker and any other items for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted in writing to the Society Secretary Aidan Noone EI7ENB at QTHR on or before June the 1st.

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### **Special Prefixes for Scotland and Wales**

Scottish and Welsh amateurs may use special prefixes until July the 31st to mark the opening of their new parliaments. GM stations will use 2A, 2S and 2T while GW stations will use 2C, 2W and 2X.

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### **Worked All Ireland News**

Declan signing EJ9HQ/P activated Dalkey Island on Sunday May the 2nd. This was the first island activation of the year and the first time Dalkey was available on 40m on the WAI net. Despite the poor conditions, Declan worked many stations in EI, G, GI, GW, GM and PA.

Don GW0PLP who lives in West Wales is very keen to work WAI on 2 metres. He is nearing the required number of squares and would welcome calls on the WAI frequency of 145.350MHz.

Word has it that many EI stations who are not interested in WAI do not know their square when asked during QSOs. With the increase in interest in WAI you will certainly be asked for your square and county. Your square is your reference on the national grid. You can find it in your local ordinance survey map or on any of the maps published by the AA. If you need help, call in to any of the WAI nets on 3,680,

7.068 or 145.350MHz.

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### **Looking ahead**

Terenure Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday week, May the 23rd in Terenure College Concert Hall. Doors open at 11.00 am.

The next big international contest on the calendar is the WPX CW over 48 hours on May the 29th and 30th.

The Region One CW Field Day will take place over the weekend of June the 5th and 6th. There are two categories in this one. A restricted section only allows a single element aerial and an open section with no restrictions on aerials.

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Please note that Dave EI4BZ has changed jobs and the old telephone and fax numbers are no longer valid. In the short term, he can be contacted during the day on 087-2444423 and as normal in the evenings at 021-883555.

Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or on the phone at 01-4509514 or by E-mail to EI7IM@tinet.ie All input to either the radio news or newsletter can also be sent by e-mail to news@irts.ie

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